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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1023

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ON SECDEF BROWN'S FEBRUARY 21 SPEECH

REF: SINGAPORE 0824

1. NO SINGAPORE OFFICIALS HAVE COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON
DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN'S LOS ANGELES SPEECH, AND THERE HAS
BEEN NO FURTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT BEYOND THAT REPORTED
REFTEL. SPEECH OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN EXAMINED CLOSELY BY TOP SINGAPORE
LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER. THROUGH EMBASSY-GOS CONTACT, FOREIGN MINISTER
RJARATNAM HAS PASSED US FOLLOWING COMMENT ON SPEECH:

"THIS IS THE FIRST POSITIVE STATEMENT BY AN AMERICAN LEADER
DEFINING THE NATURE OF AMERICAN PRESENCE IN OUR
PART OF THE WORLD. I THINK IT SHOULD GO A GREAT WAY TOWARDS
CLEARING UP AMBIGUITIES OF U.S.-PACIFIC POLICY."

"IF THIS REAFFIRMATION SHOULD BE ECHOED BY PRESIDENT CARTER
AT SOME FUTURE TIME IT WOULD CARRY EVEN GREATER WEIGHT"

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2. SEEMS CLEAR FROM THIS COMMENT BY NORMALLY CAUTIOUS FOREIGN
MINISTER THAT SECRETARY'S SPEECH HAS HAD IMPORTANT BENEFICIAL
EFFECT ON SINGAPORE ASSESSMENT OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD EAST ASIA.
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